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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - WESTERN HEMISPHERE: VENEZUELA, CHAVEZ'S
POLICIES; BOLIVIA, MORALES-CHAVEZ, AUTONOMY; COLOMBIA, FARC, U.S.
BASES, RELATIONS WITH VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR, SAO PAULO

August 11, 2009

Title- As a mediator, Brazil tries to attenuate Unasul

Editorial in business oriented Valor Econmico (8-11) states:
"....At the Unasul meeting Brazil transformed what seemed to be,
once more, a direct alignment with Bolivarian counterparts, in a
charitable role of peace maker and mediator....Aid and cooperation
between all countries affected by the corruptive and deleterious
effect of drug trafficking should be deepened and improved.
Brazilian diplomacy should not have doubts about this and should be
sharper with those who seem not to see a problem in drug
trafficking, like Chavez...."

Title- All on Obama's shoulders

Op-ed in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (8-11) by Eliane Catanhede says:
"All the anger and attacks that would be [normally] targeted at
Colombia and Alvaro Uribe ended up converging on demands against the
U.S. and President Barack Obama....that's what happened at the
Unasul - Union of South American Nations - meeting yesterday in
Quito, Ecuador....Chavez started a line of complaints against
Washington saying one or two things in favor of Uribe....Unasul was
created to integrate, but what we see is really the opposite: few
times in the modern age South America has been so split as it is
now."
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